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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Jin-an JIAO et al.

Examiner: Dr. J. Vollano

Serial No.: 09/406,269

Group: 1614

Filed: September 24, 1999

For: PHARMACEUTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOUNDS AND METHODS OF USE  
THEREOF

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants respond as follows to the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action dated May 25, 2000.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. In particular, it is believed the following three Groups could be examined together with undue burden: Group I ("A method for treating a mammal with an effective amount of at least one TF blocking compound to treat any disease that is not found in claim 2"), Group II ("A method for treating a mammal with an effective amount of at least one TF blocking compound to treat ....) and Group II, second occurrence ("A method for

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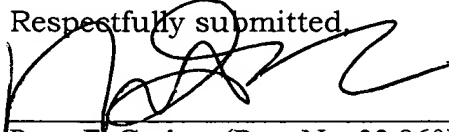
blocking or inhibiting tissue factor-dependent activation of factor X and or factor IX ....). As noted in the Restriction, those Groups have overlapping classification; hence, the search and examination of those Groups together should not impose an undue burden.

Moreover, the Restriction includes thirteen different Groups. Clearly, substantial expense and time would be required by both Applicants and the PTO if separate divisional applications are required to be filed to pursue the subject matters of those thirteen Groups.

To provide a complete response, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group II as set forth in the Restriction, which presently includes claims 1 (in part), claim 2, claim 3-4, and claims 5-12 (in part), and described in the Restriction as "A method for treating a mammal with an effective amount of at least one TF blocking compound to treat a cardiovascular disease, a blood coagulation disorder, a cell proliferation disorder, post-operative complication, an immune disorder, atherosclerosis, inflammation or cancer. The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter in the application. The right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



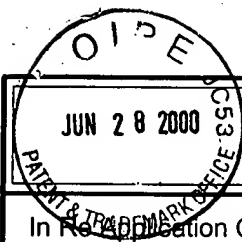
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